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TITLE: METHOD OF DECOMPOSING)
ORGANIC COMPOUNDS IN)
WATER)

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This information is submitted in order that the Office may consider the present relevance of the following documents:

- (i) U.S. Patent 5,505,856 disclosed a process for the purification of water that is contaminated with environmentally undesirable components. The process entails subjecting the water to at lease two of the several treatments including treatment with ozone, treatment of UV radiation, treatment with a solid catalyst, such as activated carbon. Nothing in the document describes the water to be treated in accordance with the instantly claimed process. Moreover, the process parameters characterizing the instant process are not disclosed.
- (ii) U.S. Patent 6,340,736 disclosed treatment of brine produced in an interfacial polycarbonate plant to render it useful for recycle to the electrolytic cell to produce chlorine. Waste brine stream is combined with ozone to produce an ozonated brine in which the amounts of organic contaminants is reduced. The ozonated brine is them acidified to remove carbonates and produce a decarbonated brine which is then concentrated to produce a treated brine in which the concentration of NaCl is at lease 10 wt % NaCl.
- (iii) U.S. Patent 4,676,908 disclosed treating waster water streams from the steam-extraction of heavy oils to remove organic contaminants, suspended solids and mineral contaminants, so as to produce a purified water stream of a quality suitable for reuse in steam production. Suspended solids are removed by coagulation, flocculation and flotation, organic contaminants are removed by activated carbon adsorption, and mineral contaminants are removed by electrodialysis or reverse osmosis and ion-exchange.

None of these documents is seen to describe the presently claimed process.

USPTO Form 1449 listing these documents is also enclosed.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	4,676,908	06/30/87	Ciepiela et al	210	638	
	AB	5,505,856	04/09/96	Campen et al	210	668	
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